



Year 4 Ukulele 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

In Year 4 Music, we will be learning the ukulele. Ukuleles are wonderful instruments to learn as they are:

- Excellent as a solo or ensemble instrument;
- An excellent tool for teaching music theory;
- Portable;
- Excellent for ear training;
- Multicultural;
- Fun;
- Relatively inexpensive compared to other instruments; and
- An instrument that students can play while singing.

We are in the process of ordering ukuleles for this year and so I ask you to please fill out the form on the [link](#) to assist me in ordering the correct number of ukuleles. Each ukulele will cost \$35. Please indicate if you plan to order one, if you already have your own and/or if you would also like to purchase a tuner for the additional cost of \$20. I teach the students to tune their instruments but the tuner assists the students to do it correctly (especially for home practice when I cannot help with this). I must emphasise that the tuner is NOT a necessity. There are many free apps which will do this for you too.

Please be aware that if you are considering purchasing your own ukulele, that some ukuleles are 'ornamental' and not instrumental. They are toys and are just for show. If you are unsure, please speak to me and I can tell you. It is always best to buy a beginner ukulele and then see how your child responds to it.

Any students who opt to purchase a ukulele will receive it his term. This form is to help me order the correct number of ukulele and tuners. The instruments come in various colours - it will be luck of the draw what colour the students come home with. The students will also receive a black protector case.

I love making music an important and enjoyable part of your child's education and I am very excited about this next step in their journey!

Yours sincerely

Mr Sheldon

Music Teacher

